Unit 531 Board Meeting Minutes July 2, 2017

President Leon Fisher called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.

Present were: Mary Fenton, Leon Fisher, Lorraine Gordon, Gene Katz, Joan Kroener. Also present were Christine Denny, Donald Cooper, and Scott Nelson.

Old Business:

The minutes from the June 11 meeting were approved.

Unit game financials were again reviewed revealing a slight fiscal loss from the 4/2 game and a positive cash flow from the 6/11 game. There was a discussion that Costco memberships would not be covered as a unit expense in the future. It was also noted that it is important to submit appropriately documented receipts for expenses.

New Business:

President Leon Fisher announced that he will be resigning from the board due to personal issues as of July 2.

The bylaws require that a quorum of the current board members decide on a replacement member of the board. Gene Katz, the current vice president, declined to assume the role of president. Rick Norton, who previously served as president, was nominated to assume the role of president and has accepted the position for the remainder of this year.

Expenses for coffee were documented to be covered by the facility and we will no longer need to provide coffee for the unit games.

Mary Fenton noted that the coolers owned by the unit were significantly leaking at the last sectional and proposed that they be replaced prior to the next sectional in November. This was approved by the board.

The plans for the next non-life-master sectional on August 12 were discussed. This is a joint venture with unit 549. Mary Fenton will be in touch with unit 549 regarding the logistics of setup and food. The mission of promoting new players was reviewed.

There was further discussion of the overall financial status of the unit noting that the unit was fortunate to receive an endowment several decades ago. Scott Nelson discussed that the unit is a nonprofit organization. The issue of card fees was reviewed.

A motion was made to acknowledge the recent illness of longtime unit member Herb Schaffer in the forum as many unit members want to wish him well and send hopes for a recovery soon and return to the bridge table.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 by Vice President Gene Katz.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Kroener, secretary.